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MEMORANDUM FOR: OSE

SUBJECT: Use and Location of Dr. Gustav Hilger

REFERENCE: Memorandum to ADTC dated 6 June, 1950 (same subject)

1. I have read the reference memorandum and acknowledge that you have advanced some very strong arguments in favor of bringing Dr. Hilger into "K" Building. Whereas this may be the only practicable solution of the problem from a security standpoint, I am concerned about certain aspects of your plan as I freely do not think, from a practical standpoint, that matters will work out in the manner anticipated. In other words, I feel that if we make the decision to bring Dr. Hilger to "K" Building we should be prepared to accept the fact that he will ultimately have to be treated more or less like the members of our staff. We could, of course, apply certain of the physical security precautions which you have proposed, such as the special arrangement of his room, control over his visitors, etc. However, we cannot impose upon a man of Dr. Hilger's stature and character the kinds of personnel sanctions which you suggest and still expect him to be interested in doing a useful job for us. To prevent Dr. Hilger from talking to other OPC personnel when he will inevitably come to know through his work in our building, and to forbid him to eat at a table in the cafeteria unless entirely alone will not, in my opinion, go down with Dr. Hilger. No one likes to be treated as a second-class human being and I think that we would make a serious mistake in giving Dr. Hilger the impression that we are doing this to him.

2. I am most anxious for [] to get to this case and to discuss it with you as I have requested that he be designated as the member of our staff who will assume the responsibility for the centralized guidance and direction of Dr. Hilger. One of our mistakes in the past has been that of spreading this responsibility around to such an extent that no one was really responsible.

3. If in the opinion of [] and yourself the only course of action open to us is that of bringing Dr. Hilger to "K" Building, I think it will be doubly important for us to keep him

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4. I am sorry that we have not been able to devise any satisfactory method for the use of such persons as Dr. Hilger outside and away from GFC headquarters premises, and irrespective of our interim decision in regard to the location of Dr. Hilger, I am anxious for us to continue to explore the possibilities of accomplishing a more satisfactory arrangement. There have been in the past and there will be in the future many individuals in a category similar to that of Dr. Hilger and I am most anxious to avoid the necessity of having to thrash throughout the entire organization all the details of each case of this kind that comes along.

F.C.H.

ADPC/FCZ/mmc

cc: 1. SADO
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